

Mr. Sherman's career began with the HCMA 40 years ago when he was hired as a beach patrol officer. He became park superintendent at Metropolitan Beach in 1968 and served in that capacity until 1985. During his 8 years as director, the authority opened a new park, Wolcott Mill, and added many new facilities such as the Marshlands Museum and Nature Center, the activities building, and an 18-hole golf course at Lake Erie. I personally appreciate his support and assistance with the Macomb County hike and bike path.

When the HCMA celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1992, much of the infrastructure in the older parks was wearing out or was outdated. Under Mr. Sherman's guidance, the HCMA was able to maintain and upgrade existing facilities and complete expansion projects while keeping user fees down. He should be proud of his accomplishments and I am sure he will continue to visit the parks often to spend some of his leisure time.

I am confident that Bill Sherman will be missed as director and I wish him and his wife Joanne all the best in retirement. I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Sherman. His dedicated service and commitment to our community are sincerely appreciated.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID M.  
LAWRENCE, M.D.

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 1997*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, as chairman and CEO of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals, David M. Lawrence, M.D., has helped reshape the delivery of health care in this country. During Dr. Lawrence's tenure as CEO for the past 5 years, he has reaffirmed Kaiser Permanente's 50-year commitment to serving the community as a nonprofit health care system. As a result of Dr. Lawrence's leadership, Kaiser Permanente continues to serve as a national example of delivering high-quality health care that is affordable to all American families. In addition, Dr. Lawrence has committed Kaiser Permanente resources to funding landmark research that has resulted in a new national vaccine for immunizing children, new standards for detecting cancer, and better practices for delivering healthier babies. Under Dr. Lawrence's guidance, his organization has contributed millions of dollars to the health and safety of children around the country. Through educational theater programs, grants to local hospitals, and operation of the Watts Learning Center, Kaiser Permanente stands as an example of community responsibility and integrity. On this occasion of Dr. Lawrence's fifth-year anniversary, we extend our regards and congratulations.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NU-  
CLEAR DISARMAMENT AND ECO-  
NOMIC CONVERSION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 1997*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the cold war is over, but nuclear weapons remain. The bill I

introduce today would substantially reduce the likelihood that nuclear weapons will become a renewed threat. The Nuclear Disarmament and Economic Conversion Act would require the United States to disable and dismantle its nuclear weapons and to refrain from replacing them with weapons of mass destruction once foreign countries possessing nuclear weapons enact and execute similar requirements. The United States, the leading nuclear power in the world, has an obligation to take far bolder leadership in moving to help disarm these weapons.

The act would then require that resources used to sustain nuclear programs be used to address human needs such as housing, health care, education, agriculture, and environmental restoration. Funding such initiatives here in the United States is necessary to bring peace within our own country. As deficit reduction forces cuts, reducing needless nuclear weaponry is the place to begin.

This bill is especially relevant today with the Clinton administration's push to expand the number of countries that are members of NATO and would be bound by the treaty to come to each other's defense.

My bill will put our money and our principles where our mouth has been. We must not continue to spend on nuclear weapons while we preach peace and the end of nuclear proliferation.

THOMAS J. FERRITO, J.D.:  
DEFENDER OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 1997*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Tom Ferrito of Los Gatos, CA, who will end his service on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Hearing Board on April 21, 1997 as a result of the district's term limit rule.

A successful full-time attorney, Tom Ferrito's accomplishments and credits earned him the State-mandated attorney position on the five-member Bay Area Quality Management District Hearing Board, on which he served 15 years. Prior to that service, Tom served 3 years on the district's board of directors.

The Bay Area Quality Management District Hearing Board, a quasi-judicial body, adjudicates various types of situations and is guided by the code of judicial conduct adopted by the California Judges Association. The hearing board carries out the judicial function of the district, holding hearings on citizens' appeals on the rightful issue of permits, and disputes between air pollution control officers and operators on the interpretation of air pollution rules.

Last year, the seven-county Bay Area Air Quality Management District was recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as being the Nation's largest metropolitan clean air region. This title represents 40 years of progress toward improving air quality. It has been achieved by a long-term program of adoption and enforcement of regulations applicable to stationary sources—in a sound, methodical and sensitive manner. Tom Ferrito has played an active role in implementing that program and protecting the San Francisco Bay Area environment for over 18 years.

As the senior member of the hearing board, Tom Ferrito has set high standards of honesty and excellence. He stands out as a committed citizen, willing to give of his time for the betterment of the environment at both the local and regional levels.

The service of this accomplished attorney and dedicated public servant will be missed by myself and the entire Bay Area community. We wish him well in every future endeavor.

CLARIFICATION OF VOTE ON H.R.

581

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 1997*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, during the vote on H.R. 581 on February 13, 1997, I was unavoidably detained chairing a hearing in my subcommittee and was not able to come to the floor to vote until immediately prior to conclusion of the time for voting. I was under the mistaken impression that the vote being held was on House Resolution 46, the rule for consideration of H.R. 581. Accordingly, I voted in favor of passage. After the vote had closed, I learned that the rule had passed by voice vote and the recorded vote was in fact on passage of H.R. 581 which I intended to oppose. I want to clarify that I oppose H.R. 581 and my vote in support of it on February 13 was made in error.

REV. ERNEST SMITH KEEPS HIS-  
TORY ALIVE IN THE LEBANON  
VALLEY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 1997*

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, It is often said that we must always remember where we have been if we are to truly know where we are going. Too often in today's hectic world, we lose sight of our social and cultural past, which have shaped our daily experiences and the very society in which we live. Luckily, however, there remain some insightful individuals who dedicate their time and energy to preserving our historical roots so that we may always remember and learn from the people and events which came before us. I personally am extremely grateful for the endeavors of admirable individuals like Rev. Ernest Smith, who, through his diligent and enthusiastic efforts, has ensured that the rich history of the Lebanon Valley will remain alive and accessible for many generations to come.

Reverend Smith's service has spanned many years and a multitude of avenues of historical pursuit. He has been the town historian for the town of New Lebanon for almost a decade, during which time his endeavors included penning a remarkable short history of the town for its gala 175th anniversary celebration. Reverend Smith also spearheaded the successful monument restoration program as the Chair of the Tilden Restoration Committee, which carefully utilized State and local grants in combination with individual donations to rejuvenate the aging memorial. Reverend Smith is also an